

REMARKS

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The specification has been amended to refer to the appropriate co-pending applications filed on 1st November 2001.

Claims 4 and 5 have been objected to due to wording informalities. Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) for lack of novelty in view of the cited Mitts reference (US 5,896,373). Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over Mitts in view of the cited Stanwood reference. Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over Mitts (US 5,896,373) in view of Mitts (US 5,940,371). The Examiner has objected to claims 5 and 6 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent format.

Claim 1 has been amended by combining it with claim 5, and has been further amended so as to overcome the Examiner's wording objections. Claim 1 as amended thus now appears to be allowable, as indicated by the Examiner. For reasons of clarity the term in now cancelled claim 5 of "for a compensation of a data flows" has been deleted. Similar relatively minor wording clarifications have been made in claim 1 with its combination with claim 5 such as deletion of "the" and "of" in cancelled claim 5, line 1, replacement of "the user equipment" by --a user equipment-- in cancelled claim 5, line 2, and replacement of "regarding" by --providing-- in cancelled claim 5, line 3.

Claims 2-4 and 6 depend on an amended allowable claim 1 so are should now also be allowable.

Claim 4 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to address the informalities. In addition a relatively minor clarifying amendment has been made on claim 4 line 2.


New claim 7 has been added being a combination of previous claims 1 and 6. This claim is in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter subject to same relatively minor clarifications of wording on its lines 2 and 5.

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In view of the foregoing, allowance of all the claims presently in the application is respectfully requested, as is passage to issuance of the application. If the Examiner should feel that the application is not yet in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would be useful, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at **973 386 8252**

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